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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to enable the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and National Institute of Technology (NIT) students to share the expertise of world-famous scientists and academicians and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has shortlisted foreign experts who are to be invited and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has decided to bear all the expenses of the foreign experts and if so, the expected quantum of funds to be spent for this purpose; and
(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to involve more and more foreign experts for the success of this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has initiated the programme on Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) to bring in foreign academicians to teach Courses in Government Institutions. Each teaching module is a one week (12 to 14 hours) or two week (24 to 28 hours) course which is taught by a faculty from abroad in an Indian academic Institution, sometimes jointly with the Indian host faculty. Students and Faculty members of Indian institutions as well as members of industry, research institutions can participate and attend these Courses.

(b) Till now 352 Courses with foreign academicians from about 38 countries are either approved or under approval and others are in the process of review.

(c) Government has earmarked Rs 35 crores for GIAN in the current Financial year. The Government has approved upto a maximum of $8000 / $12000 for a one week (12 to 14 hours) / two weeks (24 to 28 hours) course covering travel, honorarium, contingency, recording, lecture material preparation, etc.

(d) A larger number of faculties from reputed academic institutions abroad are considered for participation. In addition to institution to institutions contacts, enlargement of the pool of foreign academicians is being sought with the help of Indian mission abroad.
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